

Questions posted May 4, 2010

1. Question: In Phase 2 we anticipate a couple of large capital purchases for demonstration equipment. I am curious if because this is a federally funded program if California State Sales Tax wouldn't apply.

Answer: Being a Recipient of a federally funded financial assistance agreement does not make the Recipient tax exempt from state sales taxes.

2. Question: In the Renewal Application clause, Part III, under project narrative content relating to Criteria 4: "Project Organization and Project Management Plan", there is a description for the content of the Project Management Plan. Under Item 4, "Funding and Costing Profile", it states, *"Funding and Costing Profile 5.— showing: (a) for Phase 1, the total amount of funding and the government funding going to each member and cost-share provided by members, including totals and cost-sharing percentages; (b) budget by task and subtask for Phase I; (c) budget by component system and subsystem; and, (d) project spend plan, by month, for the expenditure of Government funds in Phase 1.*

Should we assume that the information for this section should be for Phase II or Phase I?

Answer: The funding and costing profile should reflect Phase 2 costs.

3. Question: APPENDIX C: Project Management Plan contains a requirement that a baseline cost plan must be developed. Should these costs be based on total project costs (DOE share and Recipient share)?

Answer: The baseline cost plan should have Phase 2 totals including DOE and Recipient cost share breakouts.